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David Waddell Executive Secretary Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

In Re: Complaint of Discount Communications against BellSouth Telecommunications

Docket No. 00-00230

Dear David:

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The above-captioned matter is on the docket of the TRA's June 6, 2000 conference. I would like to request oral argument, not to exceed five minutes per side, before the Authority.

There are two reasons for this request. First, the parties' post-hearing briefs were filed simultaneously. Therefore, each party's brief raises some points not addressed in the other party's brief. Oral argument would give the parties the opportunity to address those unanswered issues. Second, Discount's post-hearing brief raises one entirely new legal argument — whether Section IV B of the resale agreement requires BellSouth to pass through the \$3.50 credit to resellers — that had not been previously addressed by either party. Oral argument may assist the Authority in evaluating that issue.

Please bring this request to the attention of the Directors. As indicated below, I am sending a copy of this request to Patrick Turner, counsel for BellSouth.

Sincerely,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

By:

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c: Patrick Turner, counsel for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

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